

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING CAROL STREAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CHIEF MICHAEL KANZIA ON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize the long and distinguished service of Carol Stream Fire Protection District Chief Michael Kanzia on the occasion of his retirement. On September 30 of this year, Chief Kanzia concluded his loyal service to the community he has been faithfully serving since 1976.

On November 19, the Village of Carol Stream will gather to celebrate Chief Kanzia's impressive career, from his time as an on-call firefighter to his days as Fire Chief.

Day in and out Chief Kanzia led the men and women of the Carol Stream Fire Protection District as they risked their lives to protect our communities. His leadership is reflected in their bravery and courage.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in celebrating this special occasion and the long years of service and commitment that it represents.

RECOGNITION OF ARTHUR "ARTIE" HILL, SR. ON HIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

### HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize and honor Arthur B. "Artie" Hill, Sr. on his lifetime achievement in the community. Arthur B. "Artie" Hill, Sr. was born in New York City on April 2, 1922. "Artie" Hill, Sr. graduated from John Jay College in 1966 and received his MPA degree from City University of New York in 1973.

On September 16, 1946, Arthur B. "Artie" Hill began his career in law enforcement as a patrolman, retiring after 27 years of service as assistant chief, commanding officer of the Special Operations Division. Arthur B. "Artie" Hill, Sr. began a career of over 17 years at UPS on January 15, 1973 where he held several management positions throughout the company, eventually retiring on September 30, 1990 as Vice President of Public Affairs.

Arthur B. "Artie" Hill served as an alternate delegate to Democratic National Convention from New York in 1980 and 1984. Arthur B. "Artie" Hill is a distinguished member and affiliate of numerous organizations, including his service as Director of the New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, the Apollo Theater Foundation and AmeriChoice North-

east Managed Heath Care Systems of New York, Inc.; Trustee of North General Hospital; Life Member of the NAACP; Member of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity "Boule," Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, National Association of Guardsmen, Comus Club Inc., National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), 100 Black Men, 369th Veteran's Association, Shriners and Prince Hall Masons;

In May 2008, the North General Hospital's Board of Trustees opened the new Arthur B. and Patricia Hill VIP Patient Room on the Hospital's sixth floor. Hill is a former board member and long-time supporter of North General Hospital and has helped ensure that the people of Harlem continue to have access to excellent healthcare. At 87 years old, Arthur B. "Artie" Hill, Sr. remains a tireless advocate for a number of causes in the community. I would like to take a moment to have the House of Representatives recognize and honor Arthur B. "Artie" Hill, Sr. on his lifetime achievement in the community.

THE CITY OF TEMECULA CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY AS A CITY

### HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Temecula, on the celebration of its 20th Anniversary as a City on December 1, 2009.

Since its founding, the City of Temecula has quadrupled in population and continues to provide improvements and amenities to its citizens to ensure a high quality of life. Temecula has also prioritized the protection of its citizens, instigating both regional and federal projects like the Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project. Furthermore, the city has partnered regionally to create jobs through economic development, road improvements, and funding to enhance the community's ability to serve its citizens.

As one of California's pioneering communities, the City of Temecula diligently works to preserve its rich historical culture, providing a wealth of cultural opportunities to its citizens through establishments like the Temecula Theater, History Museum, and Children's Museum. The city also values its strong relationship with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians.

On the occasion of its 20th Anniversary as a City, I encourage the citizens of Temecula to reflect on both the present and historical significance of their community and how it makes the City of Temecula one of America's most livable cities.

HONORING SIG SANCHEZ OF GILROY, CA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise along with my colleagues Ms. ZOE LOFGREN, Mr. JERRY MCNERNEY, and Ms. ANNA ESHOO to honor Sig Sanchez, a truly dedicated public servant of California's 15th Congressional District. Sig, a resident of Gilroy, California, will retire this December, after 55 years of exemplary public service in Santa Clara County. His most recent service included 29 years as a Director and five-time Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Prior to this, Mr. Sanchez served as an elected member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors for 18 years, a Gilroy City Councilmember for 14 years, and Mayor of the City of Gilroy for five years.

During his busy and productive career, Mr. Sanchez has also been an active member of numerous national, state, and local water resource affiliations, including the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee, Central Valley Project Authority, Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority, San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority Board and Finance Committee, Uvas/Llagas Flood Control and Watershed Advisory Committee, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Ad Hoc Audit Committee, and the South County Regional Wastewater Authority.

Even while dedicating so much of his time to water issues, Sig did not lose focus on the big picture, helping to strengthen the local community through his efforts with HOPE Rehabilitation, Wheeler Hospital Foundation Board, South Valley Hospital, Health Dimensions Inc., Odd-Fellows and Rebekah Children's Home, and the Gilroy Elks Club.

In 1991, Mr. Sanchez was inducted into the Gilroy Hall of Fame and was honored and recognized with a 10-mile portion of state Highway Route 101 named for him. His work as a farmer and businessman, along with his years as public servant to the water community as a leader during very tumultuous times, has won him the hearts and good will of all who know him.

Our community is grateful to Sig Sanchez for his dedication to public service and contributions to the residents of Santa Clara County, and we wish him well in retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, I

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